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Northwest Week attracts greater student participation

Student Senate and other organizations sponsor festivities for collegians

By MEGAN TADY
CHIEF REPORTER

More students than past years have joined in the festivities of this year's Northwest Week.

With past years bringing in small turnouts, the Student Senate sponsored event looked to change things for this year's celebration.

"We have just been trying to get more students involved," said Laurie Zimmerman, presidents of Student Senate. "There is a lot of free activities and free food. It is a good time to celebrate being here at Northwest."

Student Senate has tried different tactics to raise awareness for

the annual celebration.

Student Senate invited Residence Hall Association, Alliance of Black Collegians, Spotlight, Panhellenic and Interfraternity Council to join in sponsoring Northwest Week in an effort to reach students through other organizations.

"They have all been volunteering their time and they have contributed some funds to pay for the event," Zimmerman said.

Student Senate's strategy seemed to work, as the lines for the tarot card reading scheduled on Monday were "really crazy."

"It has gone pretty well,"

Zimmerman said. "We have been really lucky to have good weather because most of our events are outside. We have tried to publicize as much as we can."

As the week winds down, so do the events. There are activities at the Bell Tower from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., which include temporary tattoos, jousting and handwriting analysis.

A cookout is scheduled for Friday at the Bell Tower from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"Students should be proud of their university," Zimmerman said. "It is a chance to go have fun and get away from your studies. It is also a chance to take advantage of what Northwest is providing."

Northwest Week Activities

- Comedy Sportz
- Pancake Feed
- Psychic
- Tarot card reader
- Caricature artist
- Diversity panel discussion
- Ice Cream Sundae Social
- Big Man on Campus
- "American Pie" showing
- Tower Queen
- Orbitron
- Jousting
- Electronic Astrologer
- Cookout at the Bell Tower

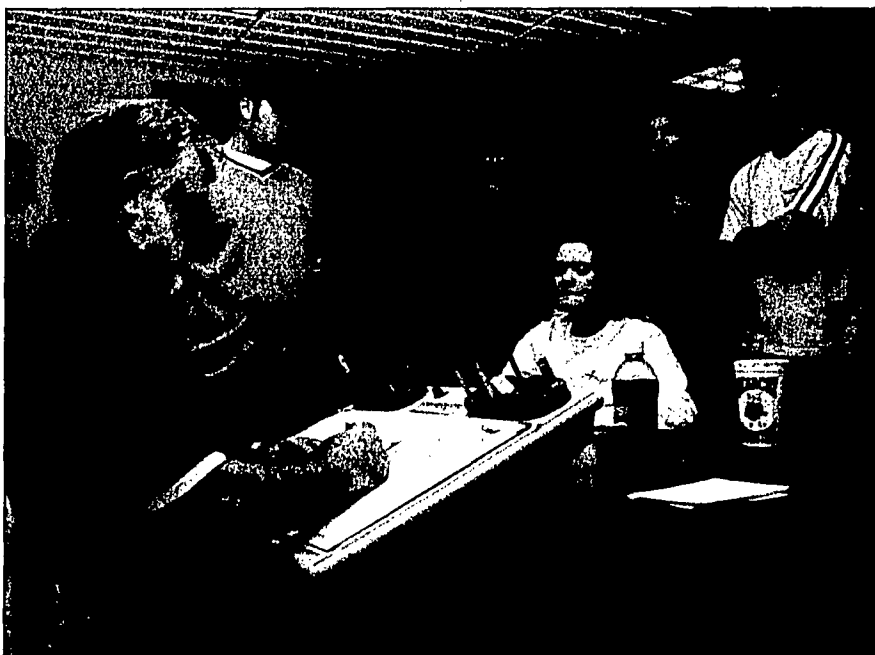


PHOTO BY MICHAELA KANGER/ PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR
Sophomore business management and marketing major Stacey Birkley tries to catch a glimpse of her caricature, drawn by artist Bob Bliss.

Senior broadcasting major Justin Burton tops off his sundae with whipped cream at the Bell Tower Wednesday afternoon as a part of Northwest Week.



PHOTO BY MIKE RANDELL/ CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER
Student senators field questions from a sparsely filled room of Northwest students Monday. Senators Walid Johnson, Shenaz Abreo, Kent Ruehter and Dan Ayala are running for Student Senate President.

Candidates address issues

By BURTON TAYLOR
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS REPORTER

Changing Northwest's alcohol policy was a key topic as four Student Senate candidates debated Monday night.

The event, sponsored by the Society of Professional Journalists, offered each candidate the opportunity to respond to the alcohol policy issue among others raised by students at the event.

Presidential candidates participating in the event were sophomores Dan Ayala and Shenaz Abreo and juniors Walid Johnson and Kent Ruehter. Candidate Danielle Saunders, a graduate student, did not attend the open debate.

Possible changes to the current alcohol policy were presented by Carol Cowles, vice president of student affairs, at Student Senate's March 7 meeting. The changes include issues of drinking while of legal age in contrast to drinking on campus, being found in the presence of alcohol, whether fines are enough of a deterrent for students, differentiating between being in possession of alcohol and in the presence of alcohol and possibly implementing a community service-type of restitution for violating the University's alcohol policy.

Responding to a question raised at the open debate concerning an increase in fines, Abreo said that may be what needs to happen in order to deter students from drinking in the residence halls.

"If you hit a student in their pocket book, ... I think the students are going to pay more attention," Abreo said.

Ayala was opposed to the possibility of increasing fines pertaining to alcohol offenses.

"I don't believe raising the fines is going to do much good for the students," Ayala said. "If students want to drink, they are going to do it."

Ruehter addressed the topic of being in the presence of alcohol. He said that if a student is in car with someone who receives a ticket for driving drunk, the passenger is not ticketed for being present.

"That's the one I was really staunch about," Ruehter said. "I don't think you can convict students for the people they associate with. I don't think they should all receive the same sanction."

Johnson said the entire issue needs to be addressed because it has not been discussed in more than 10 years.

"I think we have to raise the bar just a little bit," Johnson said.

The Society of Professional Journalists played host to the debate, which is something the organization would like to continue in the future.

"The debate was an excellent learning opportunity for both the students and candidates, and we are hoping to continue doing it on an annual basis," said Jackie Tegen, president of the Society of Professional Journalists.

Another issue discussed at the debate was voter turnout. Each candidate indicated a need for student involvement regarding the election of student senators.

Voting began Monday, and will continue through 5 p.m. Friday on the University Web page. Students can access the ballot by selecting WebSite and clicking "Vote."

Local communities elect officials, pass tax levies despite low turnout

By VALERIE MOSSMAN
MANAGING EDITOR

Nodaway County saw a low turnout at the polls Tuesday as voters selected city council members and school board members throughout the county.

Nodaway County Clerk John Zimmerman said the voter turnout was low, with 3,162 residents casting their votes.

Larry Cady, who lost the city council race to incumbent Mike Thompson in a vote of 707 to 598, said he was disappointed in the low turnout. However, he plans to run again.

"There are a lot of different projects that interest me, such as Mozingo and the national guard working with the city and University," Cady said. "There are a lot of things like the landfill and street problem. There is a visible problem on the south end of town."

Nodaway County did pass the senior center tax that will provide funding for residents 60 years of age and older. It is now the responsibility of the Nodaway County commissioners to appoint a board and approve a budget.

Zimmerman said the board will not receive funds until December 2000 after tax money is collected in November.

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Nodaway County voters also filled two vacant seats on the health center board. Peggy Rasmussen ran for the seat originally held by John Bade, who moved to Texas.

"I agreed to take his place since they have a hard time finding people to run for the six-year term," said Rasmussen, who owns KFC.

Rasmussen said she believed she was asked to join the board because of her experience in the food industry.

Joy Wilson also sits on the board after obtaining the seat as a write-in.

Other issues on the ballot included a Nodaway Township bond and Union Township bond, which both passed.

Cities throughout Nodaway County chose new city administrators and many approved tax levies.

Pickering approved a \$1 tax levy for street improvements. Elmo residents raised their property tax back to its original \$1, approving a 15-cent increase. Hopkins residents renewed a 20-cent levy. Graham residents approved a \$1.14 tax levy for street improvements.



PHOTO BY MICHAELA KANGER/ PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR
Alana Boyles lets her sons, Quinton and Clayton, help put her ballot in the ballot box Tuesday afternoon at the community building.

Residents elect two new members to the Maryville R-II School Board

By KATIE WAHLERT
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Maryville residents elected two new school board members Tuesday while denying a 25-cent tax levy that would have increased teachers' salaries and technology funds.

School board President Rego Jones said he believes the rejection of the levy proposal was in part due to the \$9 million bond passed three years ago for the building of the Maryville R-II Middle School.

When people do not separate the two issues, bonds and levies, it is understandable that people would object to the tax because "it is a relatively short time span in people's minds," Jones said.

Jones said to make up for the funds residents denied through the levy, the school board will have to "see if there are other areas where the belt can be tightened."

"We don't want to spend money we don't have," Jones said.

"It's nice to have a diverse school board. The more diversity you have, the better the working environment."

REGO JONES
SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT

Jones, who has served on the board for 13 years, said he wants to make sure the children get a quality education even though the levy was not approved.

The elections resulted in bringing two new faces to the school board, Lucy Boudreau and Mark Watkins.

"It's nice to have a diverse school board," Jones said of the new members. "The more diversity you have the better the working environment."

Boudreau said she is excited about

her new position. She is ready to get her feet wet and find out how the whole process works.

"I have a strong desire to give children the best education possible," Boudreau said. "I want to be a part of the team that will allow the kids to get that education."

Boudreau said the levy proposal is a "catch 22."

"The operating budget was required to maintain what we were already offering," Boudreau said. "I understand the public is having an increase in taxes. Sometimes people have to say 'enough is enough.'"

Other school board members elected in the area include: North Nodaway, Bob Randle and Mike Coleman; Northeast Nodaway, Dean Adwell and Stephen Schmitz; Nodaway Holt, Bob Smock and Robert L. Saxton; Jefferson, Greg McQuinn and Bruce A. Meyer; South Nodaway, Steve Farnan and Mary Jo Hillsbeck; West Nodaway, Bobby Smith and Robbie Meyer.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northwest Week Human Environmental Sciences Week CLEP, GED, MAT tests National Day of Silence New Nodaway Humane Society Sandwich and Salad Luncheon 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Fellowship Hall of the First Christian Church Greek song words and tape due at Greek Week meeting Banner due at Greek Week meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northwest Week Maryville Middle School 8th grade Washington D.C. trip Missouri All-breed Performance-tested Bull Sale University of Trowbridge livestock Center, Columbia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overeaters Anonymous 9 a.m., Northwest door at St. Francis Hospital Reception honoring Don Mobley, retired livestock specialist 1 to 3 p.m., Velma Houts Fair Building Maryville Middle School 8th grade Washington D.C. trip 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Volunteer Week Car Wash 12 to 4 p.m., Hy-Vee Zeus & Hera 7 p.m., Charles Johnson Theatre Maryville Middle School 8th grade Washington D.C. trip
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greek Week National Volunteer Week Intramural Pickleball Doubles begin Alcoholics Anonymous 6 p.m., Agape house at Maryville United Methodist Church Student Senate Meeting 7 p.m., Colden Hall, Room 3500 Free-throw contest 8 p.m. Undergraduate Research Recognition 3:30 p.m., Conference Ultimate Frisbee-fraternities 3 p.m. Greek Week Senior Prom 7 p.m., Parkdale Manor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greek Week National Volunteer Week Narcotics Anonymous 6 p.m., Agape house at Maryville United Methodist Church Student Senate Meeting 7 p.m., Colden Hall, Room 3500 Free-throw contest 8 p.m. Undergraduate Research Recognition 3:30 p.m., Conference Ultimate Frisbee-fraternities 3 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greek Week National Volunteer Week Assassination begins 8 a.m. Alcoholics Anonymous 6 p.m., Agape house at Maryville United Methodist Church Al-A-Non 6 p.m., Margaret Davidson Complex Kickball tournament 4:30 p.m. All-Copeland piano student recital 8 p.m., Charles Johnson Theatre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greek Week National Volunteer Week APO Children's show Charles Johnson Theatre Maryville Middle School 7th grade art trip "Focus on Kids" program for divorcing parents 4 to 6 p.m. session and 7 to 9 p.m., Chamber of Commerce meeting room

Just dough it



Domino's employees prepare pizzas in a trailer in the alley behind their store Saturday afternoon. Domino's sold one-topping pizzas for \$3 for two hours Saturday in an attempt to break the Domino's record for selling the most pizzas in one hour. The store sold just more than 1,100 pizzas in the first hour, breaking the record. PHOTO BY MICHAELA KANGER/ PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

NORTHWEST

News ideas, events welcome in quarterly publication

Quarterly, Northwest alumni distributes 28,000 editions of *Northwest Alumni* newspaper to graduates. The newspaper, currently undergoing a make-over, will change formats to a magazine with color photographs and a classy look, as well as changing the ways story ideas are generated.

News items, upcoming events and new discoveries are welcomed by University departments, student or faculty members.

Please submit story ideas to Mitzi Lutz, communication assistant and editor of the alumni publication, 217 Administration Building, 562-1628.

Poetry contest awards thousands of dollars

Poems are now being accepted for entry in Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum's new Poetic Achievement Awards poetry contest.

Poets may enter one poem only, 20 lines or fewer, on any subject and in any style. The contest closes May 31. Poems entered in the contest will be considered for publication in the Winter 2001 edition of *Treasured Poems of America*, a hard-cover anthology to be published in December 2000.

Anthology purchase may be required to ensure publication, but is not required to enter or win the contest.

Prize winners will be announced on July 31. Cash prizes totaling \$1,000 will be awarded, included a \$500 grand prize. The contest is free

to enter.

Poems should be sent to Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum, Dept. E, 609 Main St., PO Box 193, Sistersville, WV 26175.

Northwest sees change in department name

Northwest's Department of Human Environmental Sciences has recently changed names to the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences.

The name change took place for several reasons. First, it gives the department the national professional name, and it helps courses relate more easily to courses at the high school level.

To increase people's awareness and educate about the change, Family and Consumer Sciences Week is being observed this week.

Ceramic artist to visit campus starting April 3

Missouri artist Robert "Bede" Clarke's ceramic exhibit opened April 3 at the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Gallery.

Clarke's ceramic vessels and wall "tablets" have been displayed in more than 100 regional and national competitive ceramic exhibitions.

An associate professor of art at the University of Missouri-Columbia, Clarke has also been cited in "The Best of Pottery 2," "The Ceramic Design Book" and "Wheel Thrown Ceramics".

The ceramic exhibit will run through April 21.

DeLuce Gallery hours are Monday 6 to 9 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday 1 to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1:30 to 5 p.m.

REGIONAL

Oratorical contest winner advances to districts

Miles Kinman won the Northwest Region of the Optimist Oratorical Contest held March 26 in St. Joseph, for the boys division.

Kinman is a sophomore at Northeast Nodaway High School and represented the Maryville Optimist Club.

Kinman now advances to District Competition, which will be held in conjunction with the Optimist International Club's quarterly meeting held at the Lake of the Ozarks April 29.

The winner of the District Competition will receive a \$1,500 scholarship.

Middle school receives bomb threat Monday

North Nodaway High-Middle School received a bomb threat Monday morning. The threat, which was written on a classroom wall, was found as classes were about to begin.

Students were evacuated from the building and parents were notified of their safety.

According to Nodaway County Sheriff Ben Espey, he and other officers searched every room in the building and did not find anything. A detection dog was also used, but a bomb was not found.

If anyone has information on the bomb threat, they are encouraged to call the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department at 660-582-2241. Callers may remain anonymous.

Congratulations to TOWER SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

STUDENTS

Terri Read Auffert
Ryan George
Roberta Gill
Vernie Greenaway
Brandi Hughes
Sarah Hambrecht
Megan Johnson
Angel McAdams
Angela Patton
Laura Prichard
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MY VIEW

Drag show perpetuates false, negative stereotype



JACOB DIPIETRE
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS
REPORTER

Almost all campus organizations have stereotypes. For instance as a member of a Greek organization, some instantly cast me as a partier who likes to get drunk each weekend.

Obviously, these stereotypes are not accurate, but are based on the one half of one percent of the people who actually live up to that "image."

In reality, Greeks on the whole, perform various philanthropic events, host seminars and are very active on campus and in our community.

Another campus group I believe constantly has to deal with false stereotypes is Common Ground, the Northwest gay and lesbian support group.

According to its mission statement, Common Ground works to "...raise awareness by promoting a realistic image of our community through educational and social events."

Just like the Greek system, I'm sure Common Ground works to dispel certain unfavorable stereotypes of its members and organization.

Last Friday, the group and Northwest sponsored a drag show and dance at the University Conference Center. All the proceeds raised went to the children's home in Maryville, a very honorable cause.

However, I'm not sure a drag show is the best way to convey their message of tolerance. If their mission is to promote a "realistic image of our community" then I wonder why the group decided to host a drag show, since

dragging in drag isn't the realistic image of most gays and lesbians.

In fact, the title "drag show" probably scared a lot of people from coming, thus perpetuating a false stereotype of gays and lesbians.

For instance, I was among the 100 to 150 other students and community members who attended the event.

When I heard it was drag show, I was expecting to see something out of scenes from the Blue Oyster (a gay bar) in the "Police Academy" movies. You know, men wearing leather pants and spiked collars dancing together in a smoky, dark room.

It was nothing like that though. It was several Northwest students freely expressing themselves in a safe environment.

The only problem with that is the other 5,500 students on this campus, who didn't attend, unfortunately have their same old, inaccurate stereotype of the group.

While I know it is no group's intention to plan events just in the hopes it will be accepted or change stereotypes, I do think unnecessary stereotypes were perpetuated.

I applaud Common Ground for their efforts to help the children's home. But I believe when your group already has some negative stereotypes, much like the Greek community, there are better ways to promote yourself and to promote the "realistic image of our community."

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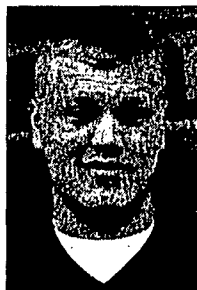
YOUR VIEW

Do you think voting is important? Why or why not?



"Yes, because we all have our chance to say our own opinions."

Helen Wtaker
Elmo resident



"Yes, because it's a person's right to have a say in matter."

Ryan Lee
Psychology major



"Yes, if they vote then they have say but if you don't vote you shouldn't gripe about anything."

Mildred Peter
Maryville resident



"No, I think it is pointless to vote because you don't know who the people are or what they represent."

Anne McCarthy
International Business major



"Yes, because it is the only way we can get representation."

Eldon Bears
Maryville resident

OUR VIEW

Voting importance

People need to appreciate what is given to them; elections on local level need more attention

It was former U.S. President James Garfield who said, "Now more than ever the people are responsible for the character of their Congress. If that body be ignorant, reckless and corrupt, it is because the people tolerate ignorance, recklessness and corruption."

Voting is one of the single most important duties of an American citizen. Yet too often it seems people who do not vote complain about politics, the government or other aspects of public life. People need to appreciate the freedom and privilege they are given.

Elections took place Tuesday to determine positions on school board and city council, among other issues. In addition, elections that will have an effect on students and decisions that are made throughout next year are taking place this week on the Northwest campus. The elections are for Student Senate.

Among the issues discussed in a debate between Student Senate presidential candidates Monday night, one alarming statistic came out — only 8 percent of the Northwest student body votes in Senate elections.

Some people say they do not vote because they are not informed enough to formulate a reasonable opinion on who should hold an office. But with key issues, such as Northwest's alcohol policy, being discussed, students need to take an initiative to learn about what each candidate stands for and vote in the elections.

When people fail to vote in elections, certain interests are not being heard. People should think about the stake they have in society and know that everyone can make a difference. If there is something about the government one does not like, vote and maybe it can be changed.

Many people always vote for the president, but when the attention focuses on state and local votes, attitudes seemingly change for some reason. People seem too lazy to go looking for information that could sway an opinion on smaller issues.

It is our right as Americans to vote and exercise our right to choose. Vote to confirm those rights and have an impact on the world we live in.

YOUR VIEW...
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MY VIEW

Dean addresses comments from students about academy



RUSS PINIZZOTTO
DEAN OF THE MISSOURI ACADEMY OF SCIENCE, MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTING

I appreciate the concern for the future students of the Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing expressed in a recent letter to the editor by Andrea McNeil, Shelby Peterson and Daniel McAfee (*The Missourian*, March 16). I would like to address some of their questions and concerns.

First, we have been working very hard to get information about the Missouri Academy out to everyone. We have had several public information sessions including one sponsored by the Student Senate during the fall trimester. Articles have appeared in *The Northwest Missourian*, *Northwest This Week* and the local newspapers. Additionally, we have done television and radio interviews and have held a community forum in Maryville. Unfortunately, the Northwest students who were invited to attend the community forum were unable to attend.

We are in the process of scheduling meetings with the Residence Hall Association, Panhellenic Council and Interfraternity Council. We also have two more

Preview Days planned for April 29 and May 12. I invite all students, faculty, staff, administrators and anyone else interested to attend one of these meetings. If these dates and times conflict with other activities, I will gladly meet with anyone to discuss our plans for the Academy. Our Website at <http://www.nwmissouri.edu/MASMC> can be accessed from the Northwest homepage under Missouri Academy. The Academy offices are on the first floor of Cooper Hall and our telephone number is 562-1960. Please feel free to stop by or call at any time.

Second, the writers mentioned sex, drugs and alcohol as major issues on a college campus and were concerned about its effects on Academy students. Let me assure you as a father of three, all of whom will be in college next year, I am concerned as well. We have designed the residential life component of the Missouri Academy to create an environment that is as safe, healthy and nurturing as possible. The Academy students will live in Cooper Hall with rules and regulations appropriate to their age group. There will be five adults living in Cooper Hall and working with the Academy students on a full-time basis. We will have a staff psychologist and an academic adviser as well. All students, prior to being admitted to the Academy, will be interviewed. This is one way we evaluate whether the students are mature enough to acclimate to and benefit from this two-year residential program.

Will all of this structure eliminate every disciplinary or behavioral problem? Of course not! However, the experiences of other residential academies are that only 1 to 2 percent of Academy students have either academic or behavioral problems, a rate far, far lower than other student populations, either in high school or in college.

I hope this answers some of the questions and concerns of the writers and other readers. Please come to one of our informational meetings. I promise to address any issue that is raised.

Finally, I want to thank everyone on campus who has supported our efforts to get the Missouri Academy off the ground. With the continued support of the students, faculty, staff and administration of Northwest, I feel confident that we can make the Missouri Academy one of the premier programs of its type in the United States.

Russ Pinizzotto is the Dean of the Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing. He can be contacted at MASMC@mail.nwmissouri.edu.

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1,000 employees recognized at Northwest for hard work

By JOSH FLAHARTY
MANAGING EDITOR

Northwest showed its appreciation for student employees this week with Student Employee Week.

The week was sponsored by the National Student Employee Association to recognize student employees on university campuses.

Approximately 1,000 students work on campus in jobs ranging from resident assistants and peer advisers to on-air radio personalities and sound board technicians in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

The annual student payroll at

Northwest is more than \$1 million, which amounts to more than 194,175 hours of work put in by students every year.

"Their impact depends on their individual work group," Tina Coffelt, student employment coordinator, said. "Some of them are very closely monitored and so they serve in a support function. But many of them operate independently doing jobs that no one else on campus does."

A reception will take place at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in the University Conference Center where the student employee of the year will be announced.

Five universal parking passes, which allow the holders to park anywhere on campus, were raffled off to students. Only one student, Kelly Clark, claimed her prize. Coffelt said she was considering raffling the others off to students in attendance at the reception if they were not claimed by then.

Coffelt has also arranged for bags of treats to be delivered to student employees throughout the week.

"It's all to honor our student employees," Coffelt said. "They make great contributions to their departments and to the University."

Philosophy
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Instruction,
Aaron Winter,
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with students in
the fourth floor
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Perrin. He has
been helping
students by
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the class and
study guides for
two semesters.
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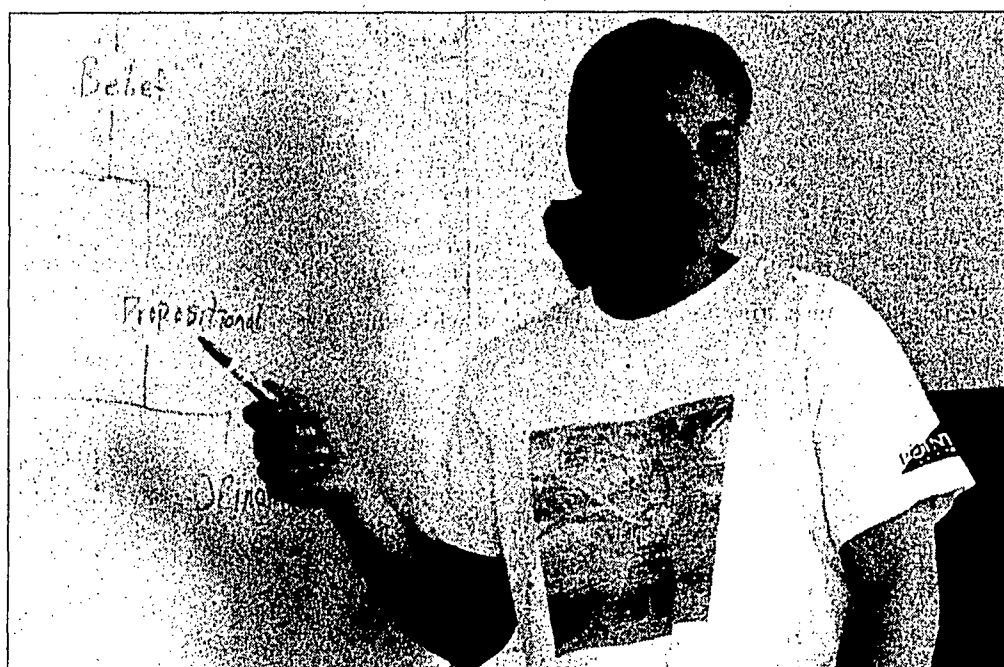


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Mandi Schultes checks students in at the Student Rec Center Tuesday. She is one of the 1,000 students that work on campus in jobs ranging from resident assistants to on-air radio personalities and sound board technicians.

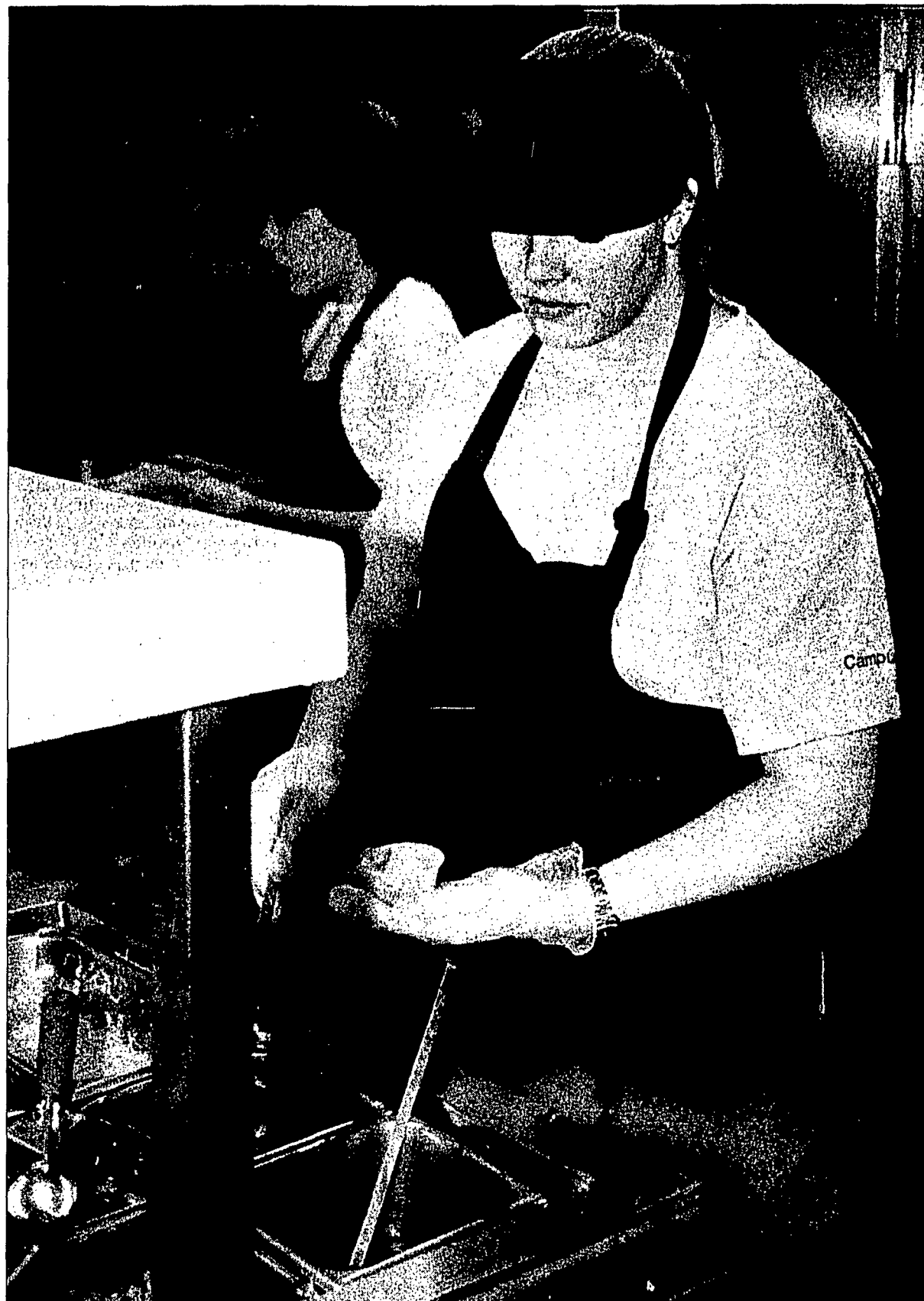


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1,000 employees recognized at Northwest for hard work

By JOSH FLAHARTY
MANAGING EDITOR

Northwest showed its appreciation for student employees this week with Student Employee Week.

The week was sponsored by the National Student Employee Association to recognize student employees on university campuses.

Approximately 1,000 students work on campus in jobs ranging from resident assistants and peer advisers to on-air radio personalities and sound board technicians in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

The annual student payroll at

Northwest is more than \$1 million, which amounts to more than 194,175 hours of work put in by students every year.

"Their impact depends on their individual work group," Tina Coffelt, student employment coordinator, said. "Some of them are very closely monitored and so they serve in a support function. But many of them operate independently doing jobs that no one else on campus does."

A reception will take place at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in the University Conference Center where the student employee of the year will be announced.

Five universal parking passes, which allow the holders to park anywhere on campus, were raffled off to students. Only one student, Kelly Clark, claimed her prize. Coffelt said she was considering raffling the others off to students if they were not claimed by then.

Coffelt has also arranged for bags of treats to be delivered to student employees throughout the week.

"It's all to honor our student employees," Coffelt said. "They make great contributions to their departments and to the University."

Philosophy Supplemental Instruction, Aaron Winter, reviews for a test with students in the fourth floor breezeway lounge between Hudson and Perrin. He has been helping students by clarifying information from the class and study guides for two semesters. PHOTO BY MIKE WARNER/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER



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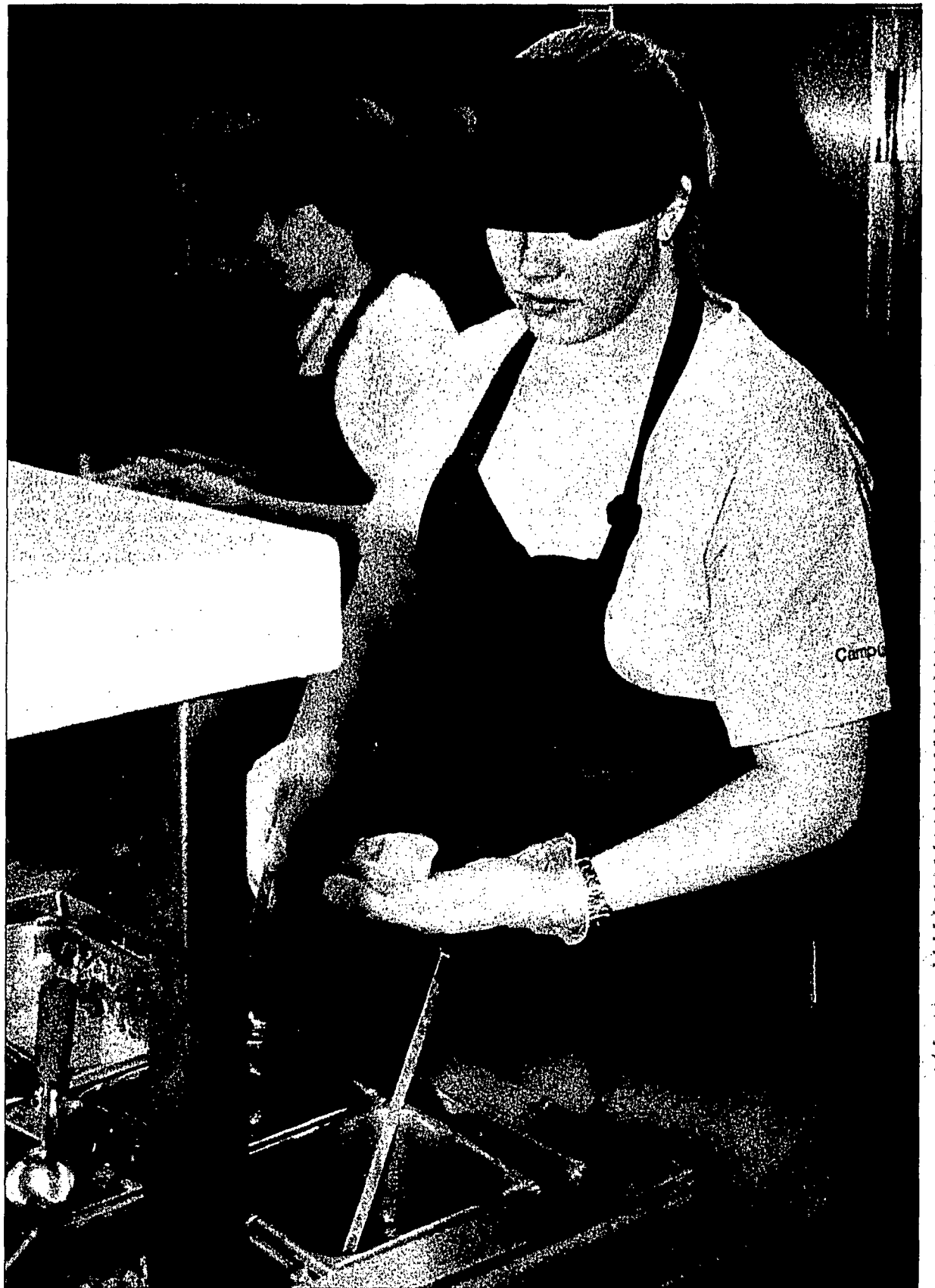


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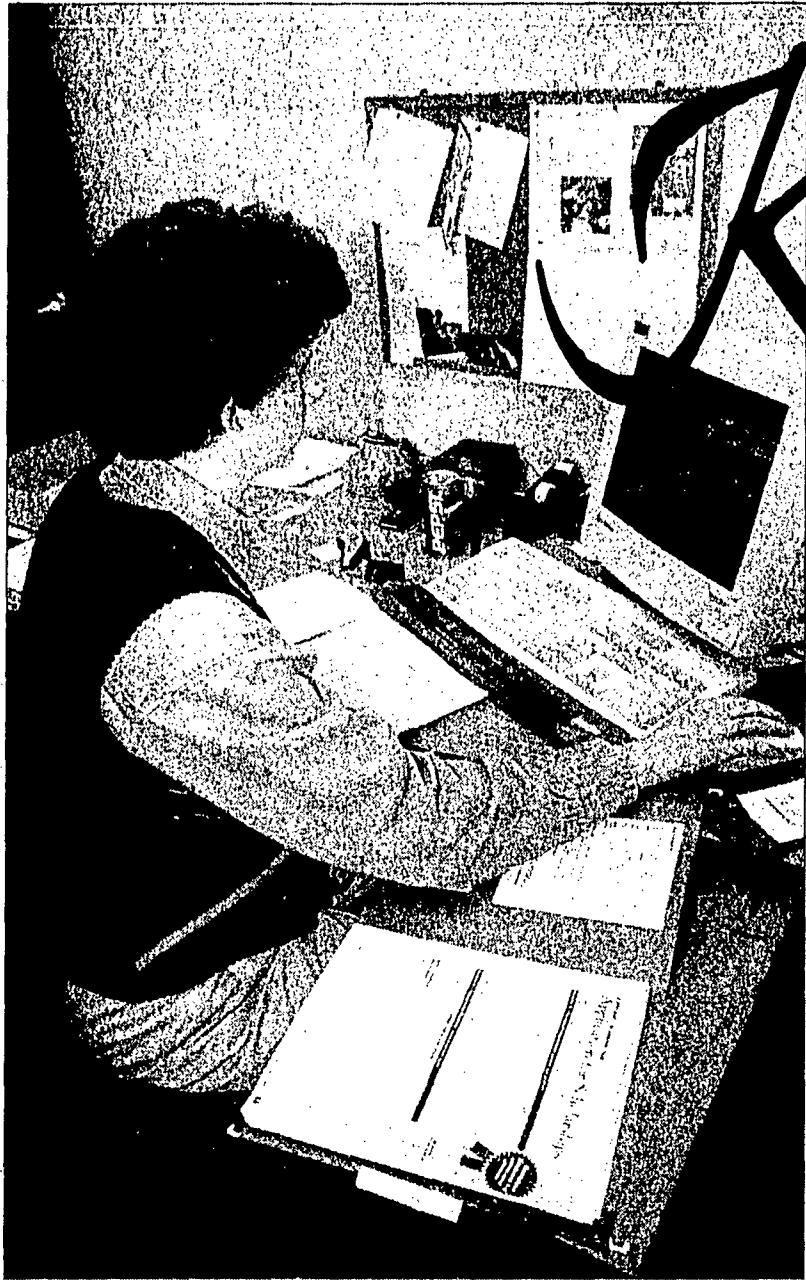
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Senior Karen Heyle works to prepare spreadsheets for the different departments Tuesday afternoon in the Financial Aid office. Heyle takes names from a list of all the students that have applied for financial aid and then separates the applicants for the departmental scholarships and puts them into spreadsheets to send to the department.

*Heyle will also be awarded
Midwest Association of Student
Employment Administrators Student
Employee of the Year.*

Student Employee of the Year

By Valerie Mossman/Managing Editor

She is in it for more than the money and that is something Northwest and the state of Missouri have recognized about this student employee.

Karen Heyle, a student scholarship assistant for the financial aid office, will be awarded two very distinct awards Thursday. Not only will Northwest recognize Heyle as Student Employee of the Year, but she will also be awarded Missouri Student Employee of the Year through the Midwest Association of Student Employment.

In a letter recommending Heyle, Terri Weichinger, assistant director office of scholarship and financial assistance, commends Heyle for her reliability, quality of work, initiative, professionalism and uniqueness of contribution through her creativity.

"Her creativity, strong work effort and ability to assume a lot of responsibility made her a good candidate," Weichinger said. "I wanted to give credit to her for that."

Her creativity was represented in the brochure applications for admissions and scholarships sent to freshmen. She also sends flyers out to students reminding them of what scholarships are available. She has created colorful flyers to replace the usual letters sent to the deans of the colleges to update them on available scholarships. She is also responsible for updating the office's Web page.

She processes all of the freshman and transfer scholarship applications.

In April 1998, Heyle accepted this position. She had not worked during her first two years at Northwest.

She said she chose to work on campus because of the willingness to allow her to work and study. It also kept her evenings free for studying.

"She is very good at budgeting her time," Weichinger said. "She knows her priorities and if she has a paper due, she comes in to work extra to make sure she is caught up."

Heyle is a senior English major who plans to student teach next semester and graduate in December. However, her work will not be done. She plans to return to financial aid while working toward her master's.

Heyle encourages students to look at all the job opportunities, and see how a job will help you.

"It has really helped me out as far as my self confidence and speaking with people," Heyle said. "Besides sitting behind the desk and taking care of processing applications, I also have to be familiar with the federal aid side of things, and I answer questions and talk with students and parents on the phone."

She enjoys the people she has met and having the opportunity to take a look behind the scenes.

"There is a lot of running around and extra hours that people put in to make our education a good experience," Heyle said.

Like any other job, Heyle's position has its drawbacks.

"I think the only down fall for my job is partly because I have accepted a lot of responsibility, and that with my position that I work," Heyle said. "I am working what could really be a full-time position,

but I do it in 20 hours as a student worker. It gets frustrating that I know that I am doing something that somebody else could get paid a lot more for, but I am willing to do it as a student worker."

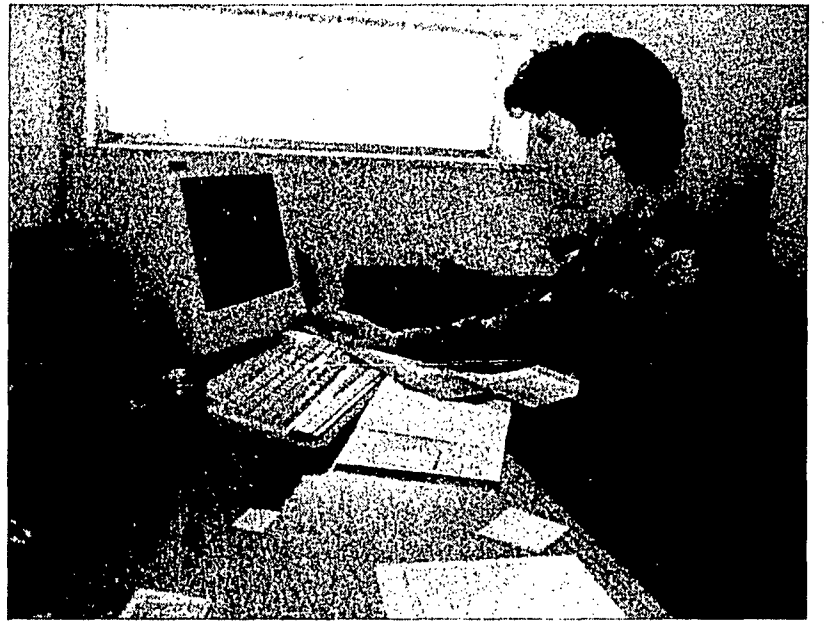
"I wish there was a way, like they do in the real world with jobs, to make the pay equal to the work that you're doing."

However, with what pay stu-

dent employees do get, every little bit counts.

"I would have taken out quite a bit of loan money if I wasn't working," Heyle said.

Northwest employs approximately 1,000 students in positions anywhere from residential life, the largest employer, to occupations at the Maryville Treatment Center and a kilm supervisor for the art department.



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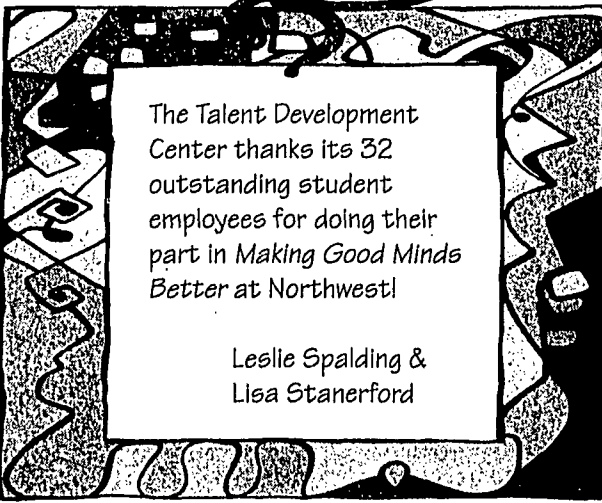
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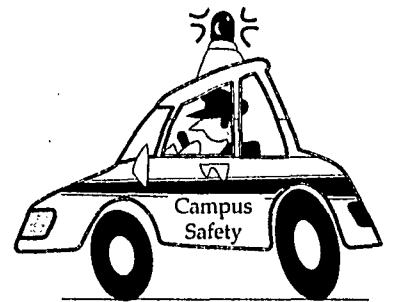
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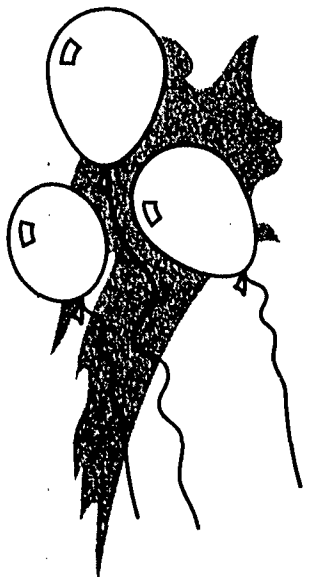
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Greeks united to raise money for Habitat for Humanity Sunday. Amy Elmore, Shanna Powers and Tony Dubilino worked together to wash cars at the Hy-Vee parking lot. Another car wash is scheduled for this Sunday, also at Hy-Vee.

Greeks prepare for week of celebration, activities

By MEGAN TADY
CHIEF REPORTER

Zeus and Hera will preside over the unification of Greek organizations in this year's Greek Week, "Greeks, and that's our final answer," as the tradition takes place next week.

"Greek Week is basically a time where all the chapters on campus work together toward Greek unity," Jason Taylor, chairman of Greek Week, said. "It is just a time to celebrate being Greek."

The celebration kicks off Sunday with the "Zeus and Hera Pageant."

"It is just basically to find the main people who will emcee and kick-off all the main events," Stephanie Mackey, chairwoman of Greek Week, said. Those chosen are required to wear togas the entire week.

Other activities are scheduled that will allow each Greek organization to earn points toward awards presented at the end of the week. The events planned range from Ultimate Frisbee contests to the Chariot Race and Greek Feast.

While each organization works toward its own goal, all the organizations ban together during Greek Week to reach a common goal.

This year, all Greek organizations have had events to raise money for Habitat for Humanity.

"Greek Week is basically a time where all the chapters on campus work together toward Greek unity."

Mackey said they have raised more than \$12,000 this year.

The week wraps up on April 16 with the awards show. Not only are organizations presented with Greek Week awards, the Outstanding Greek Organization Award is presented.

This award is presented by the Order of Omega, the Greek leadership organization, and is something each Greek organization strives for. The organizations receive supremacy points, which are counted up for the entire year.

JASON TAYLOR
GREEK WEEK CHAIRMAN

"A lot of things go into it," Debbie Grantham, of Order of Omega, said. "They get points for G.P.A., intramurals and homecoming. In addition, they have to turn in an application and write an essay on their organization's philosophy and what they strive for."

"They have to list things like community service and chapter involvements."

Although Greek Week gives the organizations a chance to be recognized, it also allows them to do something else.

"It gives the Greeks a chance to get together and see their similarities and differences and come together as a family," Mackey said. "It is also good public relations. Sometimes we get a bad rep, and there are quite a few good things about us that the public doesn't see."

Group has first dance, drag show

By VALERIE MOSSMAN
MANAGING EDITOR

Sequined gowns, flashy makeup and platform high heels strutted the stage at the University Conference Center Friday night during Common Ground's first Charity Dance and Drag Show.

"It is something the organization and group has always wanted to do," said Shane Foust, president of Common Ground. "My biggest fear was, because we live in such a conservative town and such a conservative area in the United States, I have seen a hundred shows, I have seen that they were good, bad and a whole lot in between, and there is an image that goes along with the drag show that I necessarily did not want to be associated with. I think you have to be very careful."

L'Oreal opened the night with a rendition of a sorority girl and homecoming candidate, which incorporated humor, dancing and lip syncing.

The next act, Jaden Richard, electrified the stage with dancing and a lip syncing act.

"You have to have enough energy to keep hundreds of people in the crowd going," Richard said. "I think you have to excel the energy the crowd has. You have to go above what they have and give them more."

Salsa Jalepeña, Madame Soixante-Neuf and Precious More performed a trio lip sync and were followed by Jamee Sage and the only drag king Mr. Tim.

The show's proceeds went toward the Children's Center. The organization raised \$700. An additional \$700 was donated by Jason Potter, L'Oreal's boyfriend, to match the money raised by Common Ground, making a grand total of \$1,400.

"It was a benefit for a good cause," L'Oreal said. "I had no problem coming up here and doing it for

free to help raise money for a good cause, and just have a chance to do something out of the norm."

Bren Manaugh, executive director of the Children's Center and Dr. Sue Watson, president of the board, were unable to attend but sent a letter commending Common Ground.

In the letter, Manaugh and Watson congratulated Common Ground on "such a novel and refreshing event in Maryville that showcases the diverse and joyful spirit that is abundant when we open ourselves to possibilities." They also applaud Common Ground for its "vision of, and efforts toward, inclusiveness." They explained how it is that "same spirit in which the Children's Center is rooted" and all children and every type of family are recognized for their potential as a positive force in the community.

With the chance of protest by outsiders, the organization called upon the protection of Campus Safety for the evening's events.

"I liked that they were here because I think it gives everyone a sense of increased safety," Foust said. "People are more apt to be who they are and kind of loosen up and not be so afraid that something is going to happen toward a confrontation."

"We have never had a problem. We have received several e-mails and things like that and there are some organizations on campus that are very vocal about how they feel. I completely respect that as long as everyone is free to say what they choose to say, and they are free to believe how they believe as long as they give us the same respect."

The positive reaction has given Foust the added encouragement to sponsor another drag show next year.

"My biggest concern was that we would bring a show and it would be professional," Foust said. "And all

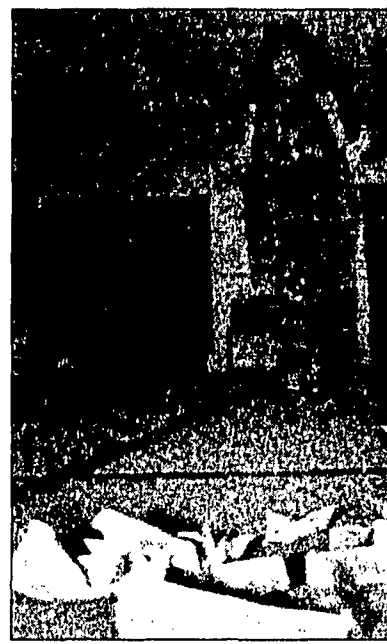


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L'Oreal performs his last act during the charity Dance and Drag show sponsored by Common Ground Friday night. The event was held to help raise money for the Children's Center of Northwest Missouri.

these people that came who would not have the opportunity to see a drag show would walk away feeling that it was a positive experience.

"We felt it was something that could make or break the organization in how it turned out. Rather we would get a positive response from the University, and I am overwhelmed by the support that we have received from the multicultural affairs and Negar Davis, Carol Cowles, Kent Porterfield and Bryan Vanosdale. They have all been extremely supportive in helping to guide us in a direction that would help us grow on campus and become a more positive group."

Students silenced to recognize hatred, prejudice they face

Northwest students and faculty took part in the Common Ground-sponsored National Day of Silence Wednesday.

The event was designed to allow gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people and their supporters to "draw attention to those who have been silenced by hatred, oppression and prejudice" according to flyers handed out by Common Ground.

Participants took a vow of silence between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

"Please understand my reasons for not speaking today. I support lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender rights. People who are silent today believe that laws and attitudes should be inclusive of people of all sexual orientations. The Day of Silence is to draw attention to those who have been silenced by hatred, oppression and prejudice. Think about the voices you are not hearing. What can you do to end the silence?"

Twelve faculty members receive promotion, tenure

By SARA SITZMAN
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Twelve Northwest faculty members have recently been promoted, with four reaching tenure status.

Tenure was granted to Carol Baker, Roger Von Holzen, Rahn Wood and Nancy Zelfiff.

Provost Tim Gilmour said most Northwest faculty members are on a tenure track, which means they are eligible to apply in their seventh year of teaching or already have tenure.

"Tenure is designed to protect the faculty's academic freedom,"

Gilmour said.

Employees must apply for tenure and meet the criteria which deems them a qualified teacher.

The application for tenure goes through an intense review in which it is seen by the department chairperson, the dean of the college, Gilmour, University president Dean Hubbard and the Board of Regents.

Gilmour said granting tenure is an important decision for the institution.

"When tenure is granted it shows the individual is wanted in the institution," Gilmour said.

Promoted from instructor to assistant professor:

- Carolyn Johnson, library
- Joyce Meldrem, library
- Russ Northup, marketing/management

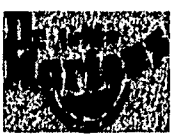
Promoted from assistant professor to associate professor:

- Carol Baker, educational leadership
- Michael Hobbs, English
- Jawad Sadek, mathematics
- Roger Von Holzen, computer science/information systems
- Rahn Wood, accounting/economics/finance
- Nancy Zelfiff, computer science/information systems

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- Carolyn McCall, curriculum and instruction
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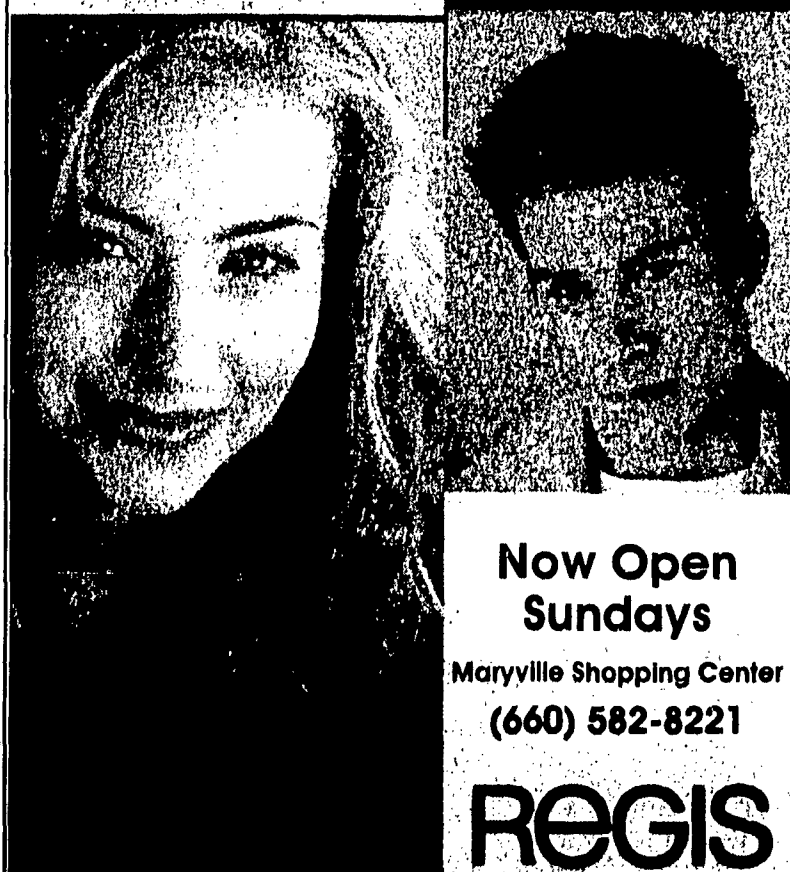
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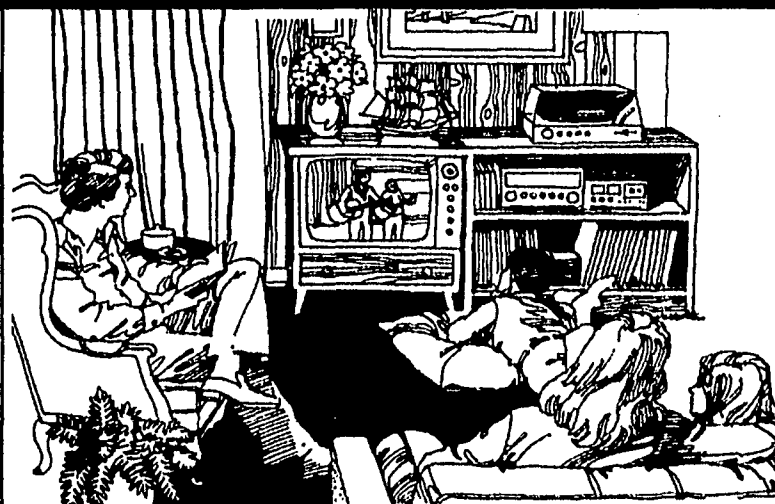
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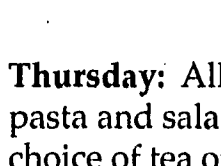
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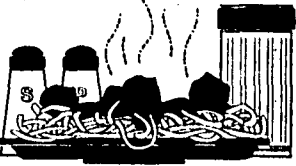
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Ashcroft supports local schools

By SARAH SMITH
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

Often the money spent in elementary and secondary public schools is used in the wrong places. This was the focus of Sen. John Ashcroft's discussion at Maryville Middle School Friday.

For example, a school receives new tables instead of new computers for its classrooms because the money is controlled and designated by the government at the federal level, Ashcroft, R-Mo., said.

In an attempt for Missouri to gain control over money spent in its schools, Ashcroft spoke to teachers, administrators and faculty at the middle school about a new bill that would direct the funding to local level.

"All too frequently there's a dictate or a mandate or a protocol that requires that the money be spent in a specific way," Ashcroft said. "Sometimes it may be exactly what

you need, but it may very likely be something you don't need."

"Direct Check for Education" is Ashcroft's solution for helping elementary and secondary schools get the best use out of federal funding. The bill, co-sponsored by Sen. Kit Bond, R-Mo., will enable the community to decide where the money will be most beneficial in its schools.

"I think it takes a lot of effort from the community," Ashcroft said. "The more we give discretion to the community to be successful, the more success we'll see."

Ashcroft said about 7 percent of elementary and secondary education funding comes from the federal level. One of the goals of the bill is to increase that number to 40 percent within the next five years.

"They can divide up the number of students, basically, and send the money out to school district and let the school districts — who know the

names of the students, who know the needs of the district, who understand the families and the culture — decide what's best and what will elevate students' performance," Ashcroft said.

A major question asked of Ashcroft was how he planned to promote the bill. He said although funding education is not a federal responsibility, the bill is receiving support from those at the federal level. However, the next decision is to be made by those at the state level, where the people are affected most.

"My own view is that if you ask people what's needed in this community, I think people in this community will know a lot better than people in Jefferson City," Ashcroft said. "It is also clearer to me that the people in Jefferson City should know a lot more than people in Washington as to what Missouri needs."



Sen. John Ashcroft, R-Mo., speaks to teachers, administrators and faculty at Maryville Middle School Friday. Ashcroft spoke about a new bill, "Direct Check for Education" which is an attempt to gain control over money spent in schools.

Ensembles to make up symphony

By ELIZABETH CROWNOVER
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Music of three different ensembles will fill the air at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center as Northwest's Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band and Richmond High School's marching band will perform at their last concert of the semester.

One special touch to this concert will be guest conductor Alan Bonner. He is a retired conductor from the U.S. Air Force Band in Washington D.C. and will conduct an Irish folk piece composed by Julie Girox.

Among five pieces, including marches and the commencement piece, Wind Symphony will feature senior principle flute player Julie Bookless, a music minor, in "The Chamaeada."

Another special touch will be a performance by Richmond High School's marching band. Director of Bands Al Sergel said inviting high schools to play is a positive recruiting tool.

"The more you can bring people to Northwest, they can enjoy the beautiful campus and friendly environment, the more they're likely to choose this campus," Sergel said.

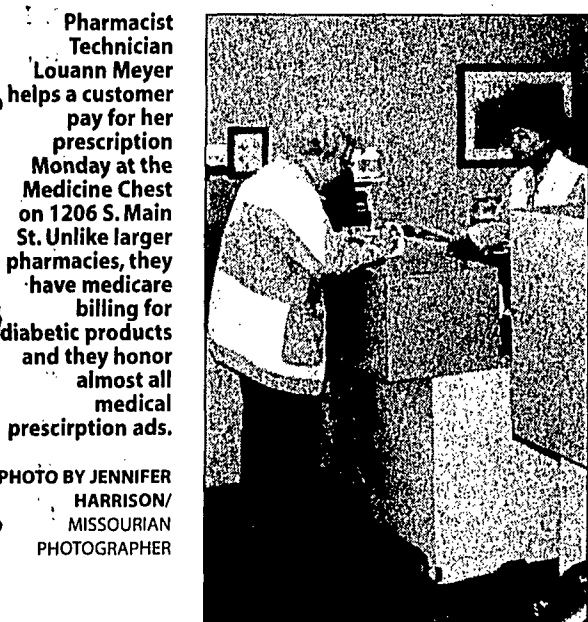
Sergel said he tries to make each concert a bit different with guest conductors, soloists and new pieces introduced.

"All the notes look the same on paper," Sergel said. "It's the things around the notes that make it special."

Wind Symphony has two concerts per semester on campus, along with performing at commencement and hosting an invitational with local high schools in the spring.

Admission is free to this event and everyone is welcomed.

Specialized service sets local pharmacy apart from others



Pharmacist Technician Louann Meyer helps a customer pay for her prescription Monday at the Medicine Chest on 1206 S. Main St. Unlike larger pharmacies, they have Medicare billing for diabetic products and they honor almost all medical prescription ads.

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Medicine Chest offers business for 20 years, hard to find products⁰⁰

By TODD SHAWLER
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Although Maryville's Medicine Chest offers many of the same medical products and supplies other pharmacies provide, the specialized services it offers set it apart from the competition.

Kris Frankum is owner and operator of the Medicine Chest, which has been in business for approximately 20 years. Along with the responsibilities of owning the business, Frankum also shares some of the daily workload by filling one of two pharmacist positions.

In addition to Frankum, the Medicine Chest employs four other workers including Lou Ann Meyer, Irma Wolfer and Jeanne McIntyre, who are certified pharmacy techni-



cians and pharmacist Monty Crowdes.

Like other pharmacies, the Medicine Chest offers prescription medicines, over-the-counter drugs and many other miscellaneous medical supplies and products. However, specialized services and products are an important selling point for the business.

"We offer our customers a number of different services that many of the larger pharmacies don't," Meyer said. "We do Medicare bill-

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The Medicine Chest offers products which are often hard to find. "We also offer a large selection of diabetic supplies," Meyer said. "Crutch, wheelchair and walker rentals are also a service we provide."

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St. Francis Hospital to expand, change outpatient services

By SARA SITZMAN
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Expansion of St. Francis Hospital will change the service of outpatients and the look of the building. Construction has begun and hospital spokeswoman Twilya Henry said the addition will affect outpatient services, including the emergency room and rehabilitation services. Instead of being separated throughout the hospital, the services will be in one location at the front of the building.

The imaging services of CT scans, X-rays and Magnetic Resonance Imaging will be expanded when moved to the addition. Laboratory services will also be expanded in the move.

Henry said the greatest benefit to the patient will be the central registration location with the various services branching off from it.

"This will make coming to the hospital the easiest part of their experience," Henry said.

With the expansion, the emergency room will go from two trauma rooms to five.

Henry said the physical appearance of the new emergency room will look more like what is shown on television.

The \$4.6 million expansion and renovation project began November 1999 with the start of construction. Graham Construction, out of Des Moines, Iowa, is in charge of general construction. Henry said local contractors are used whenever possible.

When completed, about 13,000 square feet will be added to the hospital and another 13,000 square feet will be renovated. The emergency room is expected to open in November 2000. Everything else will

open in phases with completion between March and May 2001.

"The wonderful weather this winter has benefited this project tremendously," Henry said.

Half of the expenses of the project are being funded from the hospital's cooperative office, SSM in St. Louis.

The other half is coming from hospital cash reserves. St. Francis Hospital started a Catholic campaign intended to raise \$500,000 in a three-year time span. Henry said half of the goal has already been raised.

The hospital's biggest fundraiser is the Tobin Benefit Golf Classic. All the proceeds this year will go directly toward a new communications system in the hospital and basic emergency room expenses. A record 500 golfers will participate in the two-day event May 25 and 26.

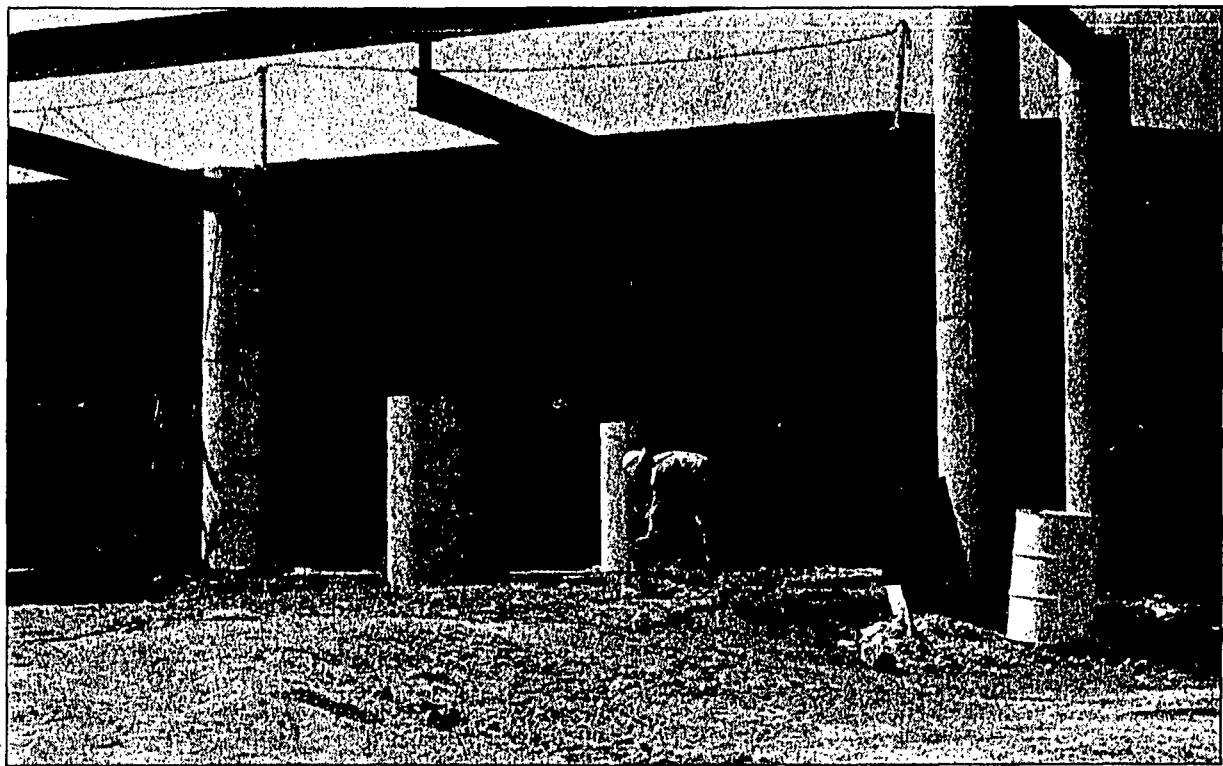


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Workers from Graham Construction of Des Moines, Iowa, proceed with construction on St. Francis Hospital Tuesday afternoon. When completed, 13,000 square feet will have been added to the hospital and another 13,000 square feet will be renovated.

Maryville residents walk for disease

By NAOMEY WILFORD
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

■ MS is a chronic, disabling disease which attacks the central nervous system.

■ An estimated 250,000 people will walk Saturday to help fight the devastating effects of Multiple Sclerosis.

■ Maryville, Trenton, St. Joseph, Savannah, Chillicothe, Cameron and Bethany will all start registering walkers at 8 a.m. and begin their walks at 9 a.m.

In 1988, Sally Tennihill participated in the MS Walk, taught piano lessons and was a substitute teacher in St. Joseph — all after being diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis.

"When I was 19, I went blind in my left eye, but then my sight came back," Tennihill said. "I remember that first time my eye went out. I was in Jean Nagle's class taking notes, but I just went on because I didn't know what to do about it."

Over the years, Tennihill thought she had back trouble. At one point, Tennihill said she had to take medicine for her blood pressure because it was so high. One day she woke up and her arm was numb, but the numb feeling wouldn't go away, she said.

"Finally, voc-rehab sent me to a specialist," Tennihill said. "They thought I had a pinched nerve in my back, and I was blind in my left eye again."

Tennihill said about three days

later, a neurologist diagnosed her with MS. Tennihill said when she found out she had MS, she was attending Ohio State University to get her second master's, she had four children and three grandchildren and was 48. After having MS for 12 years, Tennihill is unable to work any more.

Tennihill said she enjoys writing letters to her children, writing poetry and short stories and going for walks when she is able and when the weather is nice.

"Some days when I wake up, I have extreme dizziness," Tennihill said. "And there are days when I have to stay in bed, but most of the time, my attacks will be gone within a half hour."

Tennihill said she walks with a cane, but walking is easier for her than standing.

"I don't expect to be put in a wheelchair because of my disease," Tennihill said. "There are new things being made and discovered all the time, and that's what the MS Walk is all about, making money to pay for those discoveries."



PHOTO BY MEGAN WILKINSON/ MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER
Senior Elizabeth Keane leads part of a dance during practice for "Genesis Dance." It will take place at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

'Genesis Dance' show to showcase students

By LEAH RUNYAN
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

"The start of something great," is the slogan accompanying the promotion of a new dance show, "Genesis Dance."

Forty Northwest students will take the stage at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

A variety of dance numbers will be performed including jazz, ballet, modern dance and tap numbers. There will be 10 dance numbers during the performance.

The performers were chosen by a two-night audition in which more than 60 students competed.

Senior Elizabeth Keane and assistant professor of dance Haley Hoss, have been preparing for the show all year.

Keane, the main choreographer for the show, is proud of how far the students have come in their preparations for the show.

"It's been a long process, but

they've come a long way," Keane said. "I think that they've worked tremendously hard and it will definitely pay off on performance night."

According to Hoss, the artistic director and choreographer for the show, the demand for this type of entertainment has been great.

"We've had an overwhelming number of students wanting to dance and perform," Hoss said. "This show provides them the opportunity and at the same time exposes Northwest to the art of dance."

"Genesis Dance" will be the first faculty sponsored dance show event on campus in several years. It is planned, however, to turn into both a fall and spring annual event.

Because of the increased interest in dance at Northwest, Hoss is currently developing a curriculum for a dance minor, pending approval. Tickets are \$3 and will be available for sale at the door.

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